

Volunteer Report

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting
August 4, 2015

July 2015 Highlights

- Dorostkar Park received some additional volunteer help this month thanks to Intuit, who are the new “Adopt-A-River” group along that section of the Truckee River. Volunteers worked hard to clear overgrown vegetation along the bike path. A big thank you also to our longtime volunteer Bill Von Phul for his assistance with the brush mower to further clear the path!
- Rancho San Rafael’s popular Discover Room located in the area that used to be known as the Great Basin Adventure Park has been up and running this summer thanks completely to volunteer help. A group of long time volunteers continues to offer a variety of themed activities Wednesday through Friday during the summer break. The volunteers not only staff the room, but also come up with the ideas for the arts and crafts. We now also have volunteers staffing the room on weekends so park visitors can get out of the heat after enjoying pony rides. The weekend volunteers are a different group, mostly from local high schools, and they do a really great job engaging the children who visit.
- The popular Lazy 5 Concert Series receives volunteer help from a local Boy Scout troop that does a fantastic job of picking up trash left during the concert. In the month of July, the group volunteered 72 hours along with the help of one additional high school student who volunteered 12 hours in July, also keeping the park looking neat and tidy.

Upcoming Events

- The Rancho San Rafael Rangers will be receiving some additional Job Corp support for painting projects throughout the area formally known as the Great Basin Adventure. Three students from their painting program will be working under ranger staff direction for approximately 10 hours per week.

July Volunteer Hours/Value:

July is historically one of the slower volunteer months for Parks due to the intense afternoon heat. This July was no exception with especially hot and unusually rainy days which contributed to less volunteer groups planning events. Intern hours are down due to Rancho San Rafael Rangers not utilizing as many Job Corp and the May Museum currently does not have an intern.

	July 2015	July 2014	% Increase	Fiscal YTD 2015/2016	Fiscal YTD 2014/2015	% Increase
# of Volunteer Hrs	2,038.85	2,348.50	-13.2%	2,038.85	2,348.50	-13.2%
# of Intern Hrs	157	317	-50.5%	157	317	-50.5%
Total Dollar Value*	\$50,658.26	\$60,107.03	-15.7%	\$50,658.26	\$60,107.03	-15.7%

**The hourly rate of \$23.07 used for calculating the dollar value is based on the estimated national value of volunteer time as reported by www.independentsector.org.*